



## Office of Consumer Counsel Welcomes New Attorney

Andrew W. Minikowski has joined the Office of Consumer Counsel as a Staff Attorney.

Prior to arriving at OCC, Andrew worked as an attorney for the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Inc. where his practice included land use litigation and appeals, proceedings before municipal zoning and inland wetlands agencies, and internal legal advice to a 501(c)(3) company. His duties also included public outreach and advocacy as well as offering testimony before various committees of the General Assembly. Before his work as a nonprofit attorney, Andrew clerked for the Honorable Carmen E. Espinosa of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Andrew holds a B.A., *summa cum laude*, in English and Economics from Eastern Connecticut State University where he was a University Honors Scholar and authored his thesis on theological themes in Dostoevsky. As an undergraduate, he tutored writing for ESL students in the University Writing Center. He holds his J.D., *summa cum laude*, and Master of Environmental Law and Policy, *summa cum laude*, from Vermont Law School. While in law school, Andrew served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*, was a finalist in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, and instructed legal writing and research as a teaching assistant. He also interned with the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York Office of the Attorney General and worked as a student clinician on federal consumer protection litigation concerning food labeling requirements.

In his spare time, Andrew enjoys backpacking, birding, Nineteenth Century literature, gardening, naval history, and fishing. An Eagle Scout, he both volunteered and worked for the Boy Scouts of America for many years. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of Friends of Edgewood Park in New Haven. His writing has appeared in the *North Dakota Law Review*, *Hartford Courant*, and online.



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